LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
MASSACHUSETTS CITIES AND TOWNS

August 1987 PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES

City or Town Name	Labor Force	Employ-ment	Unemploy-ment	Rate
ABINGTON	7,729	7,531	198	2.6
ACTON	10,321	10,140	181	1.8
ACUSHNET	4,933	4,802	131	2.7
ADAMS	4,770	4,600	170	3.6
AGAWAM	14,077	13,814	263	1.9
ALFORD	251	245	6	2.4
AMESBURY	7,422	7,107	315	4.2
AMHERST	19,365	18,838	527	2.7
ANDOVER	14,370	14,007	363	2.5
ARLINGTON	28,869	28,364	505	1.7
ASHBURNHAM	2,003	1,923	80	4.0
ASHBY	1,085	1,038	47	4.3
ASHFIELD	865	844	21	2.4
ASHLAND	6,004	5,885	119	2.0
ATHOL	4,804	4,613	191	4.0
ATTLEBORO	19,122	18,344	778	4.1
AUBURN	8,541	8,404	137	1.6
AVON	3,091	3,005	86	2.8
AYER	3,698	3,555	143	3.9
BARNSTABLE	23,454	22,990	464	2.0
BARRE	2,096	2,062	34	1.6
BECKET	798	782	16	2.0
BEDFORD	7,187	7,074	113	1.6
BELCHERTOWN	4,254	4,096	158	3.7
BELLINGHAM	7,633	7,396	237	3.1
BELMONT	14,812	14,566	246	1.7
BERKLEY	1,303	1,257	46	3.5
BERLIN	1,279	1,257	22	1.7
BERNARDSTON	995	976	19	1.9
BEVERLY	23,424	22,846	578	2.5
BILLERICA	22,922	22,295	627	2.7
BLACKSTONE	3,297	3,160	137	4.2
BLANDFORD	682	661	21	3.1
BOLTON	1,427	1,405	22	1.5
BOSTON	297,658	287,513	10,145	3.4
BOURNE	9,010	8,860	150	1.7
BOXBOROUGH	2,095	2,085	10	0.5
BOXFORD	2,796	2,747	49	1.8
BOYLSTON	2,059	2,021	38	1.8
BRAINTREE	20,306	19,773	533	2.6
BREWSTER	3,495	3,443	52	1.5
BRIDGEWATER	9,108	8,828	280	3.1
BRIMFIELD	1,080	1,042	38	3.5
BROCKTON	50,569	48,613	1,956	3.9
BROOKFIELD	1,296	1,255	41	3.2
BROOKLINE	34,225	33,596	629	1.8
BUCKLAND	1,002	987	15	1.5
BURLINGTON	14,220	13,946	274	1.9
CAMBRIDGE	57,200	55,787	1,413	2.5
CANTON	10,261	10,053	208	2.0
CARLISLE	1,864	1,811	53	2.8
CARVER	3,129	3,003	126	4.0
CHARLEMONT	631	610	21	3.3
CHARLTON	3,435	3,313	122	3.6
CHATHAM	4,139	4,099	40	1.0
CHELMSFORD	20,027	19,557	470	2.3
CHELSEA	11,585	11,076	509	4.4
CHESHIRE	1,654	1,600	54	3.3
CHESTER	652	629	23	3.5
CHESTERFIELD	667	642	25	3.7
CHICOPEE	28,336	27,533	803	2.8
CHILMARK	602	599	3	0.5
CLARKSBURG	940	901	39	4.1
CLINTON	6,778	6,603	175	2.6
COHASSET	3,820	3,737	83	2.2
COLRAIN	817	809	8	1.0
CONCORD	9,156	9,040	116	1.3
CONWAY	724	713	11	1.5
CUMMINGTON	432	421	11	2.5
DALTON	3,585	3,490	95	2.6
DANVERS	14,937	14,628	309	2.1
DARTMOUTH	12,926	12,538	388	3.0
DEDHAM	14,488	14,183	305	2.1
DEERFIELD	2,806	2,738	68	2.4
DENNIS	8,483	8,351	132	1.6
DIGHTON	2,644	2,537	107	4.0
DOUGLAS	1,887	1,833	54	2.9
DOVER	2,406	2,373	33	1.4
DRACUT	13,941	13,534	407	2.9
DUDLEY	4,837	4,727	110	2.3
DUNSTABLE	1,050	1,023	27	2.6
DUXBURY	5,855	5,708	147	2.5

City or Town Name	Labor Force	Employ-ment	Unemploy-ment	Rate
EAST BRIDGEWATER	5,488	5,309	179	3.3
EAST BROOKFIELD	991	966	25	2.5
EAST LONGMEADOW	6,521	6,328	193	3.0
EASTHAM	2,635	2,559	76	2.9
EASTHAMPTON	8,424	8,285	139	1.7
EASTON	9,716	9,550	166	1.7
EDGARTOWN	2,678	2,655	23	0.9
EGREMONT	901	878	23	2.6
ERVING	603	575	28	4.6
ESSEX	1,796	1,752	44	2.4
EVERETT	19,444	18,702	742	3.8
FAIRHAVEN	8,014	7,750	264	3.3
FALL RIVER	44,091	42,094	1,997	4.5
FALMOUTH	17,830	17,410	420	2.4
FITCHBURG	18,942	18,037	905	4.8
FLORIDA	352	336	16	4.5
FOXBOROUGH	7,965	7,784	181	2.3
FRAMINGHAM	40,113	39,421	692	1.7
FRANKLIN	9,470	9,202	268	2.8
FREETOWN	3,746	3,628	118	3.2
GARDNER	8,232	7,878	354	4.3
GAY HEAD	226	223	3	1.3
GEORGETOWN	3,110	3,030	80	2.6
GILL	751	734	17	2.3
GLOUCESTER	15,670	15,023	647	4.1
GOSHEN	465	460	5	1.1
GOSNOLD	76	76	0	0.0
GRAFTON	6,406	6,287	119	1.9
GRANBY	2,794	2,710	84	3.0
GRANVILLE	795	776	19	2.4
GREAT BARRINGTON	4,408	4,274	134	3.0
GREENFIELD	10,047	9,781	266	2.6
GROTON	3,416	3,368	48	1.4
GROVELAND	2,878	2,779	99	3.4
HADLEY	2,833	2,783	50	1.8
HALIFAX	2,681	2,601	80	3.0
HAMILTON	4,176	4,113	63	1.5
HAMPDEN	2,333	2,283	50	2.1
HANCOCK	330	314	16	4.8
HANOVER	6,013	5,895	118	2.0
HANSON	4,312	4,124	188	4.4
HARDWICK	923	891	32	3.5
HARVARD	3,216	3,172	44	1.4
HARWICH	5,981	5,805	176	2.9
HATFIELD	2,001	1,939	62	3.1
HAVERHILL	24,216	23,137	1,079	4.5
HAWLEY	149	145	4	2.7
HEATH	254	249	5	2.0
HINGHAM	10,651	10,358	293	2.8
HINSDALE	839	812	27	3.2
HOLBROOK	6,348	6,174	174	2.7
HOLDEN	7,338	7,188	150	2.0
HOLLAND	717	694	23	3.2
HOLLISTON	7,294	7,184	110	1.5
HOLYOKE	19,223	18,549	674	3.5
HOPEDALE	2,053	1,980	73	3.6
HOPKINTON	4,179	4,111	68	1.6
HUBBARDSTON	808	772	36	4.5
HUDSON	9,847	9,668	179	1.8
HULL	4,799	4,585	214	4.5
HUNTINGTON	870	839	31	3.6
IPSWICH	6,713	6,545	168	2.5
KINGSTON	3,834	3,739	95	2.5
LAKEVILLE	2,983	2,884	99	3.3
LANCASTER	3,312	3,244	68	2.1
LANESBOROUGH	1,681	1,614	67	4.0
LAWRENCE	30,557	28,934	1,623	5.3
LEE	3,218	3,109	109	3.4
LEICESTER	5,048	4,912	136	2.7
LENOX	3,507	3,409	98	2.8
LEOMINSTER	16,973	16,422	551	3.2
LEVERETT	1,009	987	22	2.2
LEXINGTON	17,413	17,125	288	1.7
LEYDEN	300	291	9	3.0
LINCOLN	3,274	3,211	63	1.9
LITTLETON	4,032	3,963	69	1.7
LONGMEADOW	7,882	7,724	158	2.0
LOWELL	55,057	53,000	2,057	3.7
LUDLOW	10,117	9,891	226	2.2
LUNENBURG	4,239	4,126	113	2.7
LYNN	39,806	38,694	1,112	2.8
LYNNFIELD	6,123	6,025	98	1.6

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City or Town Name	Labor Force	Employ-ment	Unemploy-ment	Rate
MALDEN	28,908	28,132	776	2.7
MANCHESTER	3,088	3,031	57	1.8
MANSFIELD	7,523	7,403	120	1.6
MARBLEHEAD	12,415	12,109	306	2.5
MARION	1,956	1,863	93	4.8
MARLBOROUGH	18,483	18,149	334	1.8
MARSHFIELD	11,215	10,906	309	2.8
MASHPEE	2,970	2,922	48	1.6
MATTAPOISETT	3,079	2,983	96	3.1
MAYNARD	5,600	5,463	137	2.4
MEDFIELD	5,413	5,331	82	1.5
MEDFORD	31,767	30,966	801	2.5
MEDWAY	4,649	4,560	89	1.9
MELROSE	16,645	16,283	362	2.2
MENDON	1,679	1,656	23	1.4
MERRIMAC	2,380	2,293	87	3.7
METHUEN	21,146	20,444	702	3.3
MIDDLEBOROUGH	7,861	7,509	352	4.5
MIDDLEFIELD	228	213	15	6.6
MIDDLETON	2,673	2,611	62	2.3
MILFORD	12,950	12,540	410	3.2
MILLBURY	6,296	6,073	223	3.5
MILLIS	3,828	3,752	76	2.0
MILLVILLE	859	816	43	5.0
MILTON	13,352	13,097	255	1.9
MONROE	82	79	3	3.7
MONSON	3,489	3,398	91	2.6
MONTAGUE	4,402	4,317	85	1.9
MONTEREY	556	545	11	2.0
MONTGOMERY	292	287	5	1.7
MOUNT WASHINGTON	76	75	1	1.3
NAHANT	2,210	2,172	38	1.7
NANTUCKET	8,552	8,537	15	0.2
NATICK	17,705	17,417	288	1.6
NEEDHAM	15,776	15,509	267	1.7
NEW ASHFORD	104	102	2	1.9
NEW BEDFORD	48,346	46,125	2,221	4.6
NEW BRAINTREE	301	294	7	2.3
NEW MARLBOROUGH	722	702	20	2.8
NEW SALEM	340	329	11	3.2
NEWBURY	2,455	2,328	127	5.2
NEWBURYPORT	8,873	8,547	326	3.7
NEWTON	49,362	48,479	883	1.8
NORFOLK	2,940	2,886	54	1.8
NORTH ADAMS	7,988	7,598	390	4.9
NORTH ANDOVER	10,873	10,580	293	2.7
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH	11,696	11,253	443	3.8
NORTH BROOKFIELD	2,077	2,038	39	1.9
NORTH READING	6,698	6,564	134	2.0
NORTHAMPTON	15,054	14,694	360	2.4
NORTHBOROUGH	5,868	5,789	79	1.3
NORTHBRIDGE	6,451	6,264	187	2.9
NORTHFIELD	1,368	1,342	26	1.9
NORTON	7,098	6,874	224	3.2
NORWELL	4,847	4,777	70	1.4
NORWOOD	17,723	17,383	340	1.9
OAK BLUFFS	2,039	2,006	33	1.6
OAKHAM	425	408	17	4.0
ORANGE	2,890	2,784	106	3.7
ORLEANS	3,635	3,579	56	1.5
OTIS	582	565	17	2.9
OXFORD	6,099	5,873	226	3.7
PALMER	6,054	5,942	112	1.9
PAXTON	2,125	2,105	20	0.9
PEABODY	28,350	27,537	813	2.9
PELHAM	729	711	18	2.5
PEMBROKE	7,000	6,759	241	3.4
PEPPERELL	4,735	4,577	158	3.3
PERU	404	391	13	3.2
PETERSHAM	500	492	8	1.6
PHILLIPSTON	462	446	16	3.5
PITTSFIELD	26,830	25,833	997	3.7
PLAINFIELD	254	241	13	5.1
PLAINVILLE	3,243	3,117	126	3.9
PLYMOUTH	17,240	16,550	690	4.0
PLYMPTON	995	958	37	3.7
PRINCETON	1,394	1,374	20	1.4
PROVINCETOWN	3,090	2,881	209	6.8
QUINCY	48,005	46,809	1,196	2.5
RANDOLPH	16,302	15,908	394	2.4
RAYNHAM	4,965	4,845	120	2.4
READING	13,241	13,008	233	1.8
REHOBOTH	4,039	3,863	176	4.4
REVERE	22,538	21,692	846	3.8
RICHMOND	906	892	14	1.5
ROCHESTER	1,616	1,571	45	2.8
ROCKLAND	8,176	7,865	311	3.8
ROCKPORT	3,252	3,114	138	4.2
ROWE	167	160	7	4.2
ROWLEY	2,512	2,462	50	2.0
ROYALSTON	452	429	23	5.1
RUSSELL	762	746	16	2.1
RUTLAND	2,241	2,194	47	2.1
SALEM	23,059	22,444	615	2.7
SALISBURY	3,076	2,934	142	4.6
SANDISFIELD	387	377	10	2.6
SANDWICH	6,695	6,599	96	1.4
SAUGUS	13,996	13,695	301	2.2
SAVOY	279	261	18	6.5
SCITUATE	9,349	9,125	224	2.4
SEEKONK	6,787	6,477	310	4.6
SHARON	7,766	7,584	182	2.3
SHEFFIELD	1,761	1,720	41	2.3
SHELBURNE	1,004	986	18	1.8
SHERBORN	2,079	2,064	15	0.7
SHIRLEY	2,629	2,541	88	3.3
SHREWSBURY	12,906	12,631	275	2.1
SHUTESBURY	726	707	19	2.6
SOMERSET	10,332	9,990	342	3.3
SOMERVILLE	43,649	42,442	1,207	2.8
SOUTH HADLEY	8,973	8,775	198	2.2
SOUTHAMPTON	2,247	2,196	51	2.3
SOUTHBOROUGH	3,538	3,476	62	1.8
SOUTHBRIDGE	7,453	7,220	233	3.1
SOUTHWICK	3,893	3,791	102	2.6
SPENCER	5,531	5,394	137	2.5
SPRINGFIELD	69,543	67,042	2,501	3.6
STERLING	2,971	2,930	41	1.4
STOCKBRIDGE	1,348	1,326	22	1.6
STONEHAM	12,232	12,025	207	1.7
STOUGHTON	14,961	14,527	434	2.9
STOW	2,983	2,942	41	1.4
STURBRIDGE	2,845	2,715	130	4.6
SUDBURY	7,627	7,500	127	1.7
SUNDERLAND	2,204	2,150	54	2.5
SUTTON	3,004	2,901	103	3.4
SWAMPSCOTT	8,287	8,129	158	1.9
SWANSEA	8,168	7,912	256	3.1
TAUNTON	21,621	20,845	776	3.6
TEMPLETON	2,591	2,500	91	3.5
TEWKSBURY	15,231	14,807	424	2.8
TISBURY	3,674	3,631	43	1.2
TOLLAND	167	158	9	5.4
TOPSFIELD	3,253	3,205	48	1.5
TOWNSEND	3,786	3,716	70	1.8
TRURO	977	920	57	5.8
TYNGSBOROUGH	3,724	3,641	83	2.2
TYRINGHAM	273	269	4	1.5
UPTON	2,137	2,101	36	1.7
UXBRIDGE	4,431	4,254	177	4.0
WAKEFIELD	14,300	13,955	345	2.4
WALES	502	469	33	6.6
WALPOLE	10,354	10,148	206	2.0
WALTHAM	34,592	33,936	656	1.9
WARE	3,678	3,516	162	4.4
WAREHAM	12,264	11,865	399	3.3
WARREN	1,438	1,395	43	3.0
WARWICK	254	245	9	3.5
WASHINGTON	378	362	16	4.2
WATERTOWN	21,242	20,849	393	1.9
WAYLAND	7,071	6,970	101	1.4
WEBSTER	7,325	7,063	262	3.6
WELLESLEY	14,641	14,366	275	1.9
WELLFLEET	1,498	1,448	50	3.3
WENDELL	372	344	28	7.5
WENHAM	2,274	2,242	32	1.4
WEST BOYLSTON	3,422	3,352	70	2.0
WEST BRIDGEWATER	3,493	3,385	108	3.1

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WEST BROOKFIELD	1,226	1,193	33	2.7
WEST NEWBURY	1,523	1,445	78	5.1
WEST SPRINGFIELD	14,850	14,567	283	1.9
WEST STOCKBRIDGE	799	782	17	2.1
WEST TISBURY	1,340	1,336	4	0.3
WESTBOROUGH	8,086	7,929	157	1.9
WESTFIELD	18,091	17,571	520	2.9
WESTFORD	8,307	8,129	178	2.1
WESTHAMPTON	835	825	10	1.2
WESTMINSTER	2,562	2,513	49	1.9
WESTON	6,026	5,985	41	0.7
WESTPORT	7,037	6,748	289	4.1
WESTWOOD	7,363	7,270	93	1.3
WEYMOUTH	31,554	30,705	849	2.7
WHATELY	916	889	27	2.9
WHITMAN	7,526	7,365	161	2.1
WILBRAHAM	6,288	6,151	137	2.2
WILLIAMSBURG	1,662	1,612	50	3.0
WILLIAMSTOWN	4,067	3,999	68	1.7
WILMINGTON	9,496	9,258	238	2.5
WINCHENDON	2,986	2,853	133	4.5
WINCHESTER	11,366	11,193	173	1.5
WINDSOR	408	401	7	1.7
WINTHROP	11,266	10,978	288	2.6
WOBURN	21,831	21,481	350	1.6
WORCESTER	81,873	79,272	2,601	3.2
WORTHINGTON	624	608	16	2.6
WRENTHAM	3,481	3,397	84	2.4
YARMOUTH	12,275	12,064	211	1.7

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS[1]
MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREAS

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREAS	INITIAL CLAIMS			CONTINUED CLAIMS[2]		
	AUG 87	JULY 87	AUG 86	AUG 87	JULY 87	AUG 86
MASSACHUSETTS	3,862	5,582	5,163	47,493	51,626	58,385
MAJOR LABOR AREAS						
BOSTON PMSA	1,411	1,947	1,942	20,893	21,776	26,156
BROCKTON PMSA	112	152	147	1,569	1,660	2,047
FALL RIVER PMSA[3]	312	523	354	1,874	2,665	2,822
FITCHBURG-LEOMINSTER MSA	73	115	117	892	932	1,379
LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL PMSA[4]	240	359	358	3,614	3,910	3,896
LOWELL PMSA[4]	148	170	272	2,057	2,129	3,291
NEW BEDFORD MSA	245	391	341	1,771	2,360	2,171
PITTSFIELD MSA	105	122	71	858	947	750
SPRINFIELD MSA	198	384	338	2,251	2,493	2,657
SALEM-GLOUCESTER PMSA	322	409	413	3,712	3,831	5,311
WORCESTER MSA	264	509	365	3,068	3,292	4,505
OTHER LABOR AREAS						
AMHERST LMA	17	17	14	124	123	155
ATHOL LMA	17	20	22	217	256	230
BARNSTABLE COUNTY LMA	102	122	92	1,094	1,054	1,147
BALANCE OF WESTERN MA EA	12	15	9	127	144	98
DUKES COUNTY LMA	2	2	5	23	20	60
GARDNER LMA	32	60	49	312	493	420
GREAT BARRINGTON LMA	24	13	9	106	114	98
GREENFIELD LMA	33	35	26	293	312	303
NANTUCKET LMA	0	1	3	5	6	33
NORTH ADAMS LMA	41	59	33	405	496	464
SOUTHBRIDGE LMA	21	35	37	224	256	323
TAUNTON LMA	48	70	77	516	592	698
WARE LMA	22	16	16	180	182	176

1 - Week that includes the 12th
2 - Includes regular compensation not extended compensation
3 - Includes Rhode Island residents of PMSA
4 - Includes New Hampshire residents of PMSA

EXPLANATION OF TERMS

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment. Includes all workers who worked full or part-time or who received vacation pay, holiday pay or sick leave pay directly from the employer for the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Excluded are workers in most agricultural industries as well as those in forestry, fisheries and international government. Also excluded are self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households.

Benchmark. A reasonably complete count of employment at a specified period of time, usually the first quarter of the year. The principal sources of benchmark data for the CES Program are tabulations of employment reported by establishments covered by the Massachusetts Employment Security Law and by Federal government agencies covered by Federal U.I. Law. These principal sources are supplemented for those nonagricultural jobs not covered by U.I. (e.g., religious, students employed by the institution attended).

Establishment. An establishment is an economic unit which produces goods or services, generally at a single physical location, and is engaged in only one type of activity.

Labor Force. The sum of the employed and unemployed living in the area (total employment plus total unemployment).

Total Employment. The count of persons, living in the area, who did any work at all, in any area, for pay or profit during the week of the month including the 12th or who had a job from which they were temporarily absent because of illness, vacation, labor dispute or other reasons which does not reflect a shortage of work.

Total Unemployment. The count of persons, living in the area, who did no work at all, in any area, during the week of the month including the 12th, but who were looking for work or awaiting recall from layoff or beginning a new job within the next 30 days.

Unemployment Rate. Unemployment expressed as a percent of the labor force.

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Massachusetts Adds 6,600 Jobs

Employment levels in the Commonwealth rose in September 1987 as part of the normal seasonal pattern. Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment reached 3,055,600. Although this month's seasonal increase is lower than last year's, employment continues to show strong annual growth.

- Employment expansion over the month occurred in the following industries: manufacturing (2,900 jobs); wholesale and retail trade (1,400 jobs); and transportation, communication and public utilities (3, 200 jobs).
- Despite seasonal increases in private education, employment in the services sector remained unchanged over the month.
- Government employment grew by 5,300 since August 1987 with the majority of this growth occurring in educational service.
- As expected for the fall months, employment levels declined in the construction sector (down 3,300). Finance, insurance, and real estate also showed a slight decline.

Nonagricultural Employment Shows Healthy Yearly Gains

The following table describes the state's quarterly average employment by major sector for the third quarters of 1986 and 1987.

Average Quarterly Employment
Massachusetts

	1986 3rd Qtr.	1987 3rd Qtr.	Net Change	% Change
Total	2982.7	3049.3	66.6	2.2
Mfg.	609.0	597.8	-11.2	-1.8
Construc.	130.6	137.2	6.6	5.1
T.P.U.	124.7	128.3	3.6	2.9
Trade	709.7	724.7	15.0	2.1
F.I.R.E.	209.0	218.9	9.9	4.7
Services	820.9	860.0	39.1	4.8
Gov't.	376.9	378.4	1.5	0.4

Employment opportunities in the Commonwealth remain favorable with growth in each of the major non-manufacturing sectors. The total number of new jobs statewide reached 66,600, a 2.2 percent gain.

The service and trade sectors showed the

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

MASSACHUSETTS

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MONTH		YEAR AGO	
	SEPT 87	JULY 87	SEPT 86	#	%	#	%
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	3055.6	3049.0	2994.7	6.6	0.2	60.9	2.0
Manufacturing	601.5	598.6	613.7	2.9	0.5	-12.2	-2.0
Durable Goods	402.5	400.4	411.8	2.1	0.5	-9.3	-2.3
Lumber & Furniture	13.4	13.4	13.5	0.0	****	-0.1	-0.7
Stone,Clay & Glass	10.4	10.5	10.8	-0.1	-1.0	-0.4	-3.7
Primary Metals	15.5	15.3	15.6	0.2	1.3	-0.1	-0.6
Fabricated Metals	39.9	39.6	41.8	0.3	0.8	-1.9	-4.5
Cutlery,Hand tools,Hardware	9.1	9.0	9.6	0.1	1.1	-0.5	-5.2
Machinery, except electrical	93.4	93.2	94.9	0.2	0.2	-1.5	-1.6
Metalworking machinery	13.2	12.9	13.7	0.3	2.3	-0.5	-3.6
Special industry machinery	10.9	10.9	12.0	0.0	****	-1.1	-9.2
* Office Computing, & Accounting Machines	48.0	47.9	46.7	0.1	0.2	1.3	2.8
Electrical & Electronic machinery,equip.,etc.	122.1	121.5	123.6	0.6	0.5	-1.5	-1.2
Communications equipment	40.2	40.4	43.8	-0.2	-0.5	-3.6	-8.2
Electronic components	59.5	58.6	56.3	0.9	1.5	3.2	5.7
Transportation equipment	34.2	33.1	37.5	1.1	3.3	-3.3	-8.8
Instruments	53.6	54.2	54.8	-0.6	-1.1	-1.2	-2.2
Measuring & Control devices	19.2	19.5	20.2	-0.3	-1.5	-1.0	-5.0
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	20.0	19.6	19.3	0.4	2.0	0.7	3.6
Jewelry	7.8	7.6	7.4	0.2	2.6	0.4	5.4
Nondurable Goods	199.0	198.2	201.9	0.8	0.4	-2.9	-1.4
Food & kindred products	23.6	23.5	23.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	1.3
Textile mill products	17.1	16.8	17.4	0.3	1.8	-0.3	-1.7
Apparel	25.4	25.6	27.4	-0.2	-0.8	-2.0	-7.3
Mens & Boys suits,coats & furnishings	6.5	6.5	6.7	0.0	****	-0.2	-3.0
Paper & allied products	23.5	23.3	23.7	0.2	0.9	-0.2	-0.8
Printing & Publishing	53.4	53.2	52.7	0.2	0.4	0.7	1.3
Chemicals	16.9	17.0	17.3	-0.1	-0.6	-0.4	-2.3
Rubber & miscellaneous Plastic products	27.6	27.4	28.5	0.2	0.7	-0.9	-3.2
Miscellaneous Plastic products	21.0	20.9	21.3	0.1	0.5	-0.3	-1.4
Leather & Leather products	9.7	9.7	10.1	0.0	****	-0.4	-4.0
Footwear, except rubber	5.0	5.1	5.4	-0.1	-2.0	-0.4	-7.4
Mining	2.2	2.2	1.9	0.0	****	0.3	15.8
Construction	136.0	139.3	129.6	-3.3	-2.4	6.4	4.9
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	130.4	127.2	127.0	3.2	2.5	3.4	2.7
Wholesale & Retail trade	725.8	724.4	711.2	1.4	0.2	14.6	2.1
Wholesale Trade	168.0	168.0	160.6	0.0	****	7.4	4.6
Retail Trade	557.8	556.4	550.6	1.4	0.3	7.2	1.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	217.1	220.0	208.2	-2.9	-1.3	8.9	4.3
Banking	63.4	64.0	62.3	-0.6	-0.9	1.1	1.8
Services	860.8	860.8	823.7	0.0	****	37.1	4.5
Health Services	248.6	248.3	240.6	0.3	0.1	8.0	3.3
Educational Services	108.5	100.3	106.5	8.2	8.2	2.0	1.9
Government	381.8	376.5	379.4	5.3	1.4	2.4	0.6
Federal	58.4	59.3	57.9	-0.9	-1.5	0.5	0.9
U.S. Postal Service	26.7	27.1	25.1	-0.4	-1.5	1.6	6.4
State	100.4	100.2	98.8	0.2	0.2	1.6	1.6
Educational services	27.3	26.0	27.9	1.3	5.0	-0.6	-2.2
Local	223.0	217.0	222.7	6.0	2.8	0.3	0.1
Educational services	118.5	105.7	120.7	12.8	12.1	-2.2	-1.8
Other Local	104.5	111.3	102.0	-6.8	-6.1	2.5	2.5
* High Technology Manufacturing	248.4	248.2	249.5	0.2	0.1	-1.1	-0.4
* High Technology Nonmanufacturing	83.9	85.0	81.7	-1.1	-1.3	2.2	2.7

NOTE: By place of work, not comparable to labor force employment statistics
* - Not currently validated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

BOSTON PMSA

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MONTH		YEAR AGO	
	SEPT 87	JULY 87	SEPT 86	#	%	#	%
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1723.3	1705.4	1679.7	17.9	1.0	43.6	2.6
Manufacturing	287.5	285.8	294.0	1.7	0.6	-6.5	-2.2
Durable Goods	208.2	206.7	211.7	1.5	0.7	-3.5	-1.7
Primary Metals	3.0	3.0	3.1	0.0	****	-0.1	-3.2
Fabricated Metals	16.1	16.0	17.0	0.1	0.6	-0.9	-5.3
Machinery, except electrical	40.9	41.0	41.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.7
Electrical & Electronic machinery,equip.,etc.	75.9	74.9	73.9	1.0	1.3	2.0	2.7
Transportation equipment	21.1	20.3	24.5	0.8	3.9	-3.4	-13.9
Instruments	39.8	40.1	40.5	-0.3	-0.7	-0.7	-1.7
Nondurable Goods	79.3	79.1	82.3	0.2	0.3	-3.0	-3.6
Food & kindred products	12.4	12.2	12.7	0.2	1.6	-0.3	-2.4
Textile mill products	2.2	2.3	2.6	-0.1	-4.3	-0.4	-15.4
Apparel	6.5	6.5	7.3	0.0	****	-0.8	-11.0
Paper & allied products	6.5	6.6	7.4	-0.1	-1.5	-0.9	-12.2
Printing & Publishing	33.1	33.0	32.5	0.1	0.3	0.6	1.8
Chemicals	7.9	7.9	8.1	0.0	****	-0.2	-2.5
Rubber & miscellaneous Plastic products	7.6	7.4	8.4	0.2	2.7	-0.8	-9.5
Leather & Leather products	2.5	2.6	2.6	-0.1	-3.8	-0.1	-3.8
Mining	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.0	****	0.2	25.0
Construction	71.7	73.5	67.5	-1.8	-2.4	4.2	6.2
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	75.2	74.2	73.4	1.0	1.3	1.8	2.5
Wholesale & Retail trade	389.7	386.6	375.9	3.1	0.8	13.8	3.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	148.6	149.6	142.3	-1.0	-0.7	6.3	4.4
Banking	42.4	42.5	41.4	-0.1	-0.2	1.0	2.4
Insurance	36.8	37.5	37.6	-0.7	-1.9	-0.8	-2.1
Services	551.9	547.2	530.2	4.7	0.9	21.7	4.1
Health Services	139.6	139.9	137.2	-0.3	-0.2	2.4	1.7
Educational Services	74.0	66.6	77.1	7.4	11.1	-3.1	-4.0
Government	197.7	187.5	195.6	10.2	5.4	2.1	1.1
Federal	38.2	38.9	37.0	-0.7	-1.8	1.2	3.2
U.S. Postal Service	14.8	15.0	14.1	-0.2	-1.3	0.7	5.0
Federal Hospitals	5.0	5.1	4.9	-0.1	-2.0	0.1	2.0
State	51.5	51.3	48.3	0.2	0.4	3.2	6.6
State Hospitals	5.0	4.8	4.8	0.2	4.2	0.2	4.2
Educational services	9.0	8.7	8.5	0.3	3.4	0.5	5.9
Local	108.0	97.3	110.3	10.7	11.0	-2.3	-2.1

NOTE: By place of work, not comparable to labor force employment statistics

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MONTH		YEAR AGO	
	SEPT 87	JULY 87	SEPT 86	#	%	#	%
SPRINGFIELD MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	242.6	237.6	233.3	5.0	2.1	9.3	4.0
Manufacturing	53.2	52.3	52.0	0.9	1.7	1.2	2.3
Durable Goods	28.3	27.7	26.6	0.6	2.2	1.7	6.4
Fabricated Metals	7.5	7.2	6.8	0.3	4.2	0.7	10.3
Machinery, except electrical	7.0	6.8	6.7	0.2	2.9	0.3	4.5
Nondurable Goods	24.9	24.6	25.4	0.3	1.2	-0.5	-2.0
Textile mill products	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	****	0.1	5.9
Apparel	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.0	****	-0.2	-20.0
Paper & allied products	8.2	7.9	7.8	0.3	3.8	0.4	5.1
Printing & Publishing	6.0	6.1	6.1	-0.1	-1.6	-0.1	-1.6
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	****	0.0	****
Construction	10.2	10.3	9.1	-0.1	-1.0	1.1	12.1
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	9.3	9.0	9.0	0.3	3.3	0.3	3.3
Wholesale & Retail trade	57.5	56.6	54.6	0.9	1.6	2.9	5.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	16.9	17.1	15.9	-0.2	-1.2	1.0	6.3
Services	57.3	56.8	55.2	0.5	0.9	2.1	3.8
Government	38.0	35.3	37.3	2.7	7.6	0.7	1.9
Federal	6.0	6.1	6.1	-0.1	-1.6	-0.1	-1.6
State	8.4	8.1	8.0	0.3	3.7	0.4	5.0
Local	23.6	21.1	23.2	2.5	11.8	0.4	1.7
WORCESTER MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	198.6	193.6	191.6	5.0	2.6	7.0	3.7
Manufacturing	45.4	44.9	45.6	0.5	1.1	-0.2	-0.4
Durable Goods	30.7	30.3	31.0	0.4	1.3	-0.3	-1.0
Primary Metals	2.2	2.2	2.0	0.0	****	0.2	10.0
Fabricated Metals	7.1	7.0	7.3	0.1	1.4	-0.2	-2.7
Machinery, except electrical	8.7	8.6	9.2	0.1	1.2	-0.5	-5.4
Nondurable Goods	14.7	14.6	14.6	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.7
Textile mill products	2.8	2.8	2.7	0.0	****	0.1	3.7
Leather & Leather products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	****	-0.1	-11.1
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	****	0.0	****
Construction	9.9	9.8	9.3	0.1	1.0	0.6	6.5
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	8.2	7.9	8.3	0.3	3.8	-0.1	-1.2
Wholesale & Retail trade	50.6	49.5	47.6	1.1	2.2	3.0	6.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	13.5	13.7	12.7	-0.2	-1.5	0.8	6.3
Services	48.0	46.2	45.2	1.8	3.9	2.8	6.2
Government	22.8	21.4	22.7	1.4	6.5	0.1	0.4

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MONTH		YEAR AGO	
	SEPT 87	JULY 87	SEPT 86	#	%	#	%
BROCKTON PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	73.6	72.5	71.0	1.1	1.5	2.6	3.7
Manufacturing	11.0	11.0	11.2	0.0	****	-0.2	-1.8
Durable Goods	6.0	6.0	6.0	0.0	****	0.0	****
Electrical & Electronic machinery,equip.,etc.	1.6	1.6	1.4	0.0	****	0.2	14.3
Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	5.2	0.0	****	-0.2	-3.8
Construction	5.5	5.5	4.2	0.0	****	1.3	31.0
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	4.8	4.8	4.9	0.0	****	-0.1	-2.0
Wholesale & Retail trade	22.0	21.9	21.2	0.1	0.5	0.8	3.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.2	3.2	3.0	0.0	****	0.2	6.7
Services	14.9	14.8	14.6	0.1	0.7	0.3	2.1
Government	12.2	11.3	11.9	0.9	8.0	0.3	2.5
Federal	3.2	3.2	3.0	0.0	****	0.2	6.7
State	2.1	2.1	2.3	0.0	****	-0.2	-8.7
Local	6.9	6.0	6.6	0.9	15.0	0.3	4.5
LAWRENCE - HAVERHILL MASS. - N.H. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	162.2	161.3	158.8	0.9	0.6	3.4	2.1
Manufacturing	50.4	50.5	52.4	-0.1	-0.2	-2.0	-3.8
Durable Goods	36.7	36.7	39.0	0.0	****	-2.3	-5.9
Nondurable Goods	13.7	13.8	13.4	-0.1	-0.7	0.3	2.2
Leather & Leather products	2.0	2.1	2.0	-0.1	-4.8	0.0	****
Construction	9.7	9.8	9.0	-0.1	-1.0	0.7	7.8
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	6.9	6.6	6.7	0.3	4.5	0.2	3.0
Wholesale & Retail trade	38.1	38.1	35.4	0.0	****	2.7	7.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	6.5	6.6	6.0	-0.1	-1.5	0.5	8.3
Services	32.1	32.5	31.5	-0.4	-1.2	0.6	1.9
Government	18.5	17.2	17.8	1.3	7.6	0.7	3.9

NOTE: By place of work, not comparable to labor force employment statistics

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MONTH		YEAR AGO	
	SEPT 87	JULY 87	SEPT 86	#	%	#	%
PITTSFIELD MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	44.4	44.6	43.3	-0.2	-0.4	1.1	2.5
Manufacturing	11.6	11.6	12.1	0.0	****	-0.5	-4.1
Machinery	6.8	6.9	7.9	-0.1	-1.4	-1.1	-13.9
Construction	2.4	2.5	2.0	-0.1	-4.0	0.4	20.0
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.1	10.0	0.0	****
Wholesale & Retail trade	11.3	11.6	11.2	-0.3	-2.6	0.1	0.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.3	2.3	2.1	0.0	****	0.2	9.5
Services	10.9	11.3	10.2	-0.4	-3.5	0.7	6.9
Government	4.5	4.2	4.5	0.3	7.1	0.0	****
NEW BEDFORD MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	67.0	65.9	65.9	1.1	1.7	1.1	1.7
Manufacturing	20.5	20.2	20.4	0.3	1.5	0.1	0.5
Durable Goods	8.9	8.8	8.1	0.1	1.1	0.8	9.9
Primary & Fabricated Metals	3.2	3.2	2.4	0.0	****	0.8	33.3
Nondurable Goods	11.6	11.4	12.3	0.2	1.8	-0.7	-5.7
Apparel	6.3	6.2	6.3	0.1	1.6	0.0	****
Construction	4.1	4.0	3.3	0.1	2.5	0.8	24.2
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	3.4	3.4	3.2	0.0	****	0.2	6.3
Wholesale & Retail trade	15.4	15.2	15.4	0.2	1.3	0.0	****
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.6	2.7	2.6	-0.1	-3.7	0.0	****
Services	12.2	12.2	12.0	0.0	****	0.2	1.7
Government	8.8	8.2	9.0	0.6	7.3	-0.2	-2.2
FALL RIVER MASS. - R.I. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	57.4	56.4	55.5	1.0	1.8	1.9	3.4
Manufacturing	16.4	16.4	17.3	0.0	****	-0.9	-5.2
Textile mill products	4.3	4.2	4.3	0.1	2.4	0.0	****
All other manufacturing	12.1	12.2	13.0	-0.1	-0.8	-0.9	-6.9
Construction	3.2	3.1	2.4	0.1	3.2	0.8	33.3
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	2.0	1.9	1.7	0.1	5.3	0.3	17.6
Wholesale & Retail trade	15.7	15.5	14.4	0.2	1.3	1.3	9.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	****	0.1	3.4
Services	11.0	11.0	10.7	0.0	****	0.3	2.8
Government	6.1	5.5	6.1	0.6	10.9	0.0	****

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MONTH		YEAR AGO	
	SEPT 87	JULY 87	SEPT 86	#	%	#	%
FITCHBURG - LEOMINSTER MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	40.2	39.5	39.9	0.7	1.8	0.3	0.8
Manufacturing	13.0	12.8	13.1	0.2	1.6	-0.1	-0.8
Durable Goods	5.1	5.0	5.3	0.1	2.0	-0.2	-3.8
Machinery, except electrical	3.5	3.5	3.5	0.0	****	0.0	****
Nondurable Goods	7.9	7.8	7.8	0.1	1.3	0.1	1.3
Rubber & miscellaneous Plastic products	3.9	3.9	3.7	0.0	****	0.2	5.4
Construction	2.3	2.4	2.2	-0.1	-4.2	0.1	4.5
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	1.3	1.2	1.5	0.1	8.3	-0.2	-13.3
Wholesale & Retail trade	10.5	10.2	10.0	0.3	2.9	0.5	5.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.0	****	0.1	6.3
Services	7.1	7.2	7.1	-0.1	-1.4	0.0	****
Government	4.3	4.0	4.4	0.3	7.5	-0.1	-2.3
LOWELL MASS. - N.H. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	105.7	104.1	103.7	1.6	1.5	2.0	1.9
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	****	-0.1	-50.0
Manufacturing	36.9	36.8	37.1	0.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.5
Construction	5.9	6.0	5.4	-0.1	-1.7	0.5	9.3
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	3.2	3.0	3.3	0.2	6.7	-0.1	-3.0
Wholesale & Retail trade	21.7	21.3	21.8	0.4	1.9	-0.1	-0.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4.4	4.4	4.1	0.0	****	0.3	7.3
Services	21.0	20.7	19.3	0.3	1.4	1.7	8.8
Government	12.5	11.8	12.5	0.7	5.9	0.0	****
*** SALEM - GLOUCESTER PMSA**							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	114.0	112.7	111.7	1.3	1.2	2.3	2.1
Manufacturing	22.2	22.1	23.1	0.1	0.5	-0.9	-3.9
Durable Goods	15.5	15.4	16.2	0.1	0.6	-0.7	-4.3
Nondurable Goods	6.7	6.7	6.9	0.0	****	-0.2	-2.9
Construction	4.7	4.7	4.5	0.0	****	0.2	4.4
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	3.7	3.6	3.4	0.1	2.8	0.3	8.8
Wholesale & Retail trade	34.4	34.2	33.7	0.2	0.6	0.7	2.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	5.5	5.6	5.1	-0.1	-1.8	0.4	7.8
Services	28.3	28.4	26.9	-0.1	-0.4	1.4	5.2
Government	15.1	14.0	14.9	1.1	7.9	0.2	1.3

NOTE: By place of work, not comparable to labor force employment statistics
* - Not currently validated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS BY INDUSTRY

MANUFACTURING

Area	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept 87	Aug 87	Sept 86	Sept 87	Aug 87	Sept 86
UNITED STATES	40.6	40.9	41.0	$10.02	$9.86	$9.73
MASSACHUSETTS	40.7	41.2	41.4	9.91	9.83	9.40
BOSTON	40.0	40.5	40.6	10.84	10.71	10.30
BROCKTON	40.8	40.5	*	8.19	8.10	*
FALL RIVER	37.2	38.2	*	7.54	7.54	*
LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL	41.2	40.7	*	9.77	9.90	*
LOWELL	41.7	42.4	*	10.19	10.11	*
NEW BEDFORD	36.0	37.9	*	8.40	8.30	*
SPRINGFIELD	42.6	42.4	42.7	9.27	9.27	8.98
WORCESTER	40.2	40.8	40.5	9.79	9.71	9.40

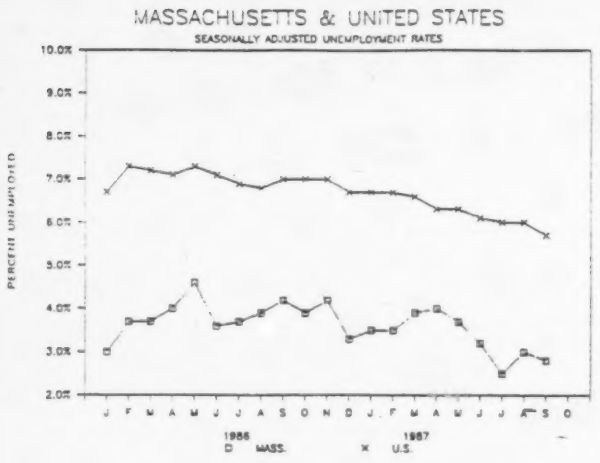
*INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS BY INDUSTRY

MASSACHUSETTS

Industry	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept 87	Aug 87	Sept 86	Sept 87	Aug 87	Sept 86
MANUFACTURING	40.7	41.2	41.4	9.91	9.83	9.40
DURABLE GOODS	41.7	41.9	41.9	10.39	10.29	9.92
LUMBER & FURNITURE	40.9	40.9	40.8	7.53	7.54	6.84
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	40.2	40.7	39.9	11.98	12.17	11.16
PRIMARY METALS	42.0	42.9	43.1	9.60	9.60	9.10
FABRICATED METALS	39.9	40.4	42.2	10.29	10.18	9.64
CUTLERY, ETC.	42.0	44.3	41.8	11.15	11.16	10.38
MACHINERY, EX. ELEC.	41.4	41.8	42.6	10.77	10.69	10.55
METALWORKING MACH.	43.0	42.9	42.2	11.14	11.16	10.81
SPECIAL INDU. MACH.	42.0	41.8	43.4	11.78	11.77	11.73
ELEC. & ELECTRON. MACH.	42.0	42.1	42.6	9.89	9.69	9.54
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP.	42.8	42.0	43.9	10.66	10.52	10.81
ELECTRONIC COMP.	43.6	43.3	44.2	9.94	9.79	9.48
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	44.5	44.2	40.7	12.92	12.51	11.84
INSTRUMENTS	41.8	42.1	40.3	11.18	11.10	10.14
MEAS. & CONTROL DEVICES	42.1	42.0	40.7	8.32	8.21	8.35
MISC. MANUFAC. IND.	42.1	41.9	41.4	8.83	8.76	8.26
JEWELRY	39.7	41.1	40.6	7.51	7.50	7.35
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.0	40.0	40.7	9.11	9.06	8.57
FOOD & KINDRED PROD.	39.0	40.6	43.0	9.70	9.96	9.41
TEXTILE MILL PROD.	41.3	42.4	42.2	8.19	8.11	7.98
APPAREL	38.1	40.0	40.1	6.70	6.57	6.14
MENS & BOYS SUITS	40.1	41.6	42.0	7.40	7.36	7.03
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	42.4	43.7	43.0	9.58	9.58	9.42
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	36.3	37.0	38.6	10.23	10.09	9.50
CHEMICALS	41.4	39.9	41.1	11.65	11.71	11.03
RUBBER & PLASTIC PROD.	39.6	40.8	41.6	8.79	8.63	8.12
MISC. PLAS. PROD.	39.1	39.9	40.5	8.33	8.16	7.67
LEATHER & LEATHER PROD.	35.8	36.4	35.5	7.34	7.22	7.04
FOOTWEAR, EX. RUBBER	34.6	35.9	32.6	6.45	6.58	6.19



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greatest net increase in jobs between the third quarters of 1986 and 1987. On a percentage basis, the service and construction industries recorded the highest growth rate among the non-manufacturing sectors.

- Representing another industry in the state's growing service producing sector, finance, insurance, and real estate grew by nearly five percent during this one year period. One factor contributing to the growth in this sector is the concentration of financial institutions in the greater Boston area.

- Manufacturing losses number 11,200 since the third quarter of 1986. Although the manufacturing sector showed yearly job losses, the rate of decline is slowing. Between the third quarter of 1985 and 1986, the number of manufacturing jobs declined by nearly six percent. Using third quarter data for 1986 and 1987, the rate dropped to nearly two percent.

Unemployment Rate Unchanged in September

The Commonwealth's seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate for September 1987 remained unchanged at 2.8 percent. Since January 1987, the number of unemployed in the Commonwealth has averaged 3.4 percent. Nationally, the unemployment rate dropped slightly to 5.7 percent in September.

- The Boston PMSA again posted the lowest unemployment rate of the major labor market areas in the Commonwealth at 2.5 percent. Other areas showing low levels of unemployment included the Worcester MSA (2.6 percent) and the Springfield MSA (2.7 percent).

- The New Bedford MSA and Fall River PMSA experienced comparatively higher unemployment levels than the other major labor areas. However, the number of unemployed in these areas has shrunk over the past year, consistent with the state's overall improvement.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
UNITED STATES AND MASSACHUSETTS
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Sept 87	Aug 87	Sept 86
United States	5.9	6.0	7.0
Massachusetts	2.5	3.0	4.0
Labor Force	3051.0	3097.0	3052.0
Employed	2975.0	3005.0	2929.0
Unemployed	76.0	92.0	123.0